

to be a most sinful and provoking Nation. O Lord, let not this Long-suffering of thine serve only to upbraid our Obstinacy, and enhance our Guilt; but let it at last have the proper Effect on us, melt our Hearts, and lead us to Repentance. And, O that this may be the Day for us, thus to discern the things, that belong to our Peace! that all who are (yea, and all who are not) cast down this Day in an external Humiliation, may by the Operation of thy

thy mighty Spirit have their Souls laid prostrate before thee in a sincere Contrition! O thou who canst out of the very Stones raise up Children unto *Abraham*, work our stony flinty Hearts into such a Temper as may be susceptible of the Impressions of thy Grace, that all the Sinners in *Sion* may tremble; that we may not by a persevering Obstinacy seal to ourselves both temporal and eternal Ruin, but instead of our mutinous complaining at the Punishments